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OTHER DUTIES OF MAGISTRATE JUDGES

- (a) Other Duties. Subject to the Constitution and laws of the United States, Magistrate Judges in the District of Arizona shall perform the following duties:
- (1) Assist the District Judges in the conduct of pretrial discovery proceedings in civil actions. A Magistrate Judge may hear and determine a procedural or discovery motion or other pretrial matter in a civil case other than the motions which that are specified in 28 U.S.C. § 636 (b)(1)(A). As to such specified motions so assigned, a Magistrate Judge shall, upon designation by a District Judge, submit to that District Judge a report containing proposed findings of fact and recommendations for disposition by the District Judge. In any motion in which the parties are seeking the sanctions provided for in Rule 37(b)(2)(A), (B), or (c), Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, if the Magistrate Judge is inclined to grant such requests regarding dispositive sanctions, the Magistrate Judge shall be limited to filing a report and recommendation with the District Court; a Magistrate Judge may enter an order granting requests for nondispositive sanctions (including monetary sanctions) or denying any such sanctions request. A Magistrate Judge may, when designated by a District Judge, conduct any necessary hearings, including evidentiary hearings, or other proceedings arising in the exercise of the authority conferred by 28 U.S.C. § 636 and by these Local Rules.
